

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MONTANA  
BILLINGS DIVISION

CHAD STONE,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CANTON, ET AL.,

Defendant.

CV-20-109-BLG-SPW-KLD

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AND CONSENT TO ELECTRONIC  
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DATED this 22nd day of July, 2020.

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